

Pray Like Paul

Ephesians 3:14-21



Questions For Discussion: (Look at pages 97-98 in your study for reference)

Talk to someone sitting close to you...

1. What is one big takeaway from the prayer study?
2. Did you participate in the daily prayer commitment? How did it go?
3. Which of the different prayer practices was significant for you?
4. Was one of the people whose prayer we learned from particularly meaningful to you?

Ephesians 1:3-10

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 2

- 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.”
- 2:4-5 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”
- 2:13 “But now in Christ you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
- 2:14 “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.”

Outline

- Posture & Person (v. 14-15)
- Strengthened by the Spirit (v. 16)
- Loved by Christ (v. 17-18)
- Filled by God (v. 19)
- Doxology (v. 20-21)

Posture & Person

- V. 14-15 “For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”
- Posture: Kneel- shows earnestness
- Person: Father- from whom fatherhood derives its name

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Strengthened by the Spirit- "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

Loved by Christ- "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

Filled by God- "And to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you. May be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Doxology (v. 20-21)

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”